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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, address and citizenship are as stated
below next to our names,

We believe that we are the original first and joint
inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which
a patent is sought on the invention entitled PURIFICATION OF
ACETONITRILE BY A DISTILLATIVE RECOVERY/ION EXCHANGE RESIN
TREATMENT PROCESS including any amendments referred to below,
the specification of which (check one)

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial
No. _____ and amended on _____.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the
contents of the above-identified specification, including the
claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is
material to the examination of this application in accordance
with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under
Title 35, United States Code, 119 of any foreign
application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed
below and have also identified below any foreign application
for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date
before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

| <u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u> | | | <u>Priority Claimed</u> | |
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| (No.) | (Country) | (dd/mm/yy filed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of the application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

--NONE--

(USSN) (Filing date) (Status: patent, pending, abandoned)

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As named inventors, we hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Michael F. Esposito, Registration No. 29,506; Teresan W. Gilbert, Registration No. 31,360; Brian L. Mehosky, Registration No. 36,868; David J. Untener, Registration No. 27,963; Vincent E. Young, Registration No. 20,442; and David P. Yusko, Registration No. 30,817.

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The undersigned declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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APPLICATION NO.: 08/632,382) Group Art Unit: 1626
CONFIRMATION NO.: 6478)
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FILED: April 10, 1996) Examiner: E. Sackey
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FOR: PURIFICATION OF ACETONITRILE BY A) Attorney Docket No.:
DISTILLATIVE RECOVERY/ION EXCHANGE RESIN) BP7969
TREATMENT PROCESS)

Revocation of Powers of Attorney by the AssigneeAppointment of Attorneys

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The assignee of the above-identified application, The Standard Oil Company, a corporation of Ohio, through its duly delegated representative, hereby revokes all prior powers of attorney submitted in this application.

Assignment is recorded at Reel 8008, Frame 0332, in the Patent and Trademark Office. The assignee states that evidentiary documents have been reviewed and certifies that, to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the undersigned assignee.

The assignee of the above-identified application, The Standard Oil Company, a corporation of Ohio, through its duly delegated representative, hereby appoints Frank J. Sroka Registration No. 27,597, Stephen L. Hensley Registration No. 28,426, and Scott P. McDonald Registration No. 34,871, as its principal attorneys, and each of said principal attorney to have full power to prosecute this application and any continuations, divisions, reissues and reexaminations thereof, to receive the patent, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to have full power of substitution, association and revocation, including the power to revoke the power of attorney of any associate attorney. Attached is the undersigned's duly-executed corporate power executed on behalf of The Standard Oil Company.

Thomas E. Nemo, Registration No. 33,982 is appointed associate attorney in the above-identified application with full power to prosecute this application and any continuations, divisions, reissues, and reexaminations thereof, to receive any issued patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please direct all future communications to:

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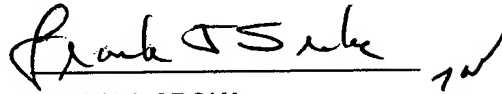
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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Sroka", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, there is a small, stylized mark that looks like "JW".

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**THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY
SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned being the duly qualified and acting Assistant Secretary of The Standard Oil Company, an Ohio corporation (the "Company") does hereby certify that the following is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting duly called and held on May 20, 1993, and that said resolution is valid and binding and has not been amended, modified or rescinded and is in full force and effect on the date hereof:

RESOLVED, that the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary of the Company and any attorney representing the Company with respect to patent and trademark matters be and each of them is hereby severally authorized on behalf of the Company to execute documents used in connection with the filing of patent and trademark applications and proceedings before Patent and Trademark Offices both inside and outside the territorial limits of the United States which include, but are not necessarily limited to the following;

Patents

Declaration of Inventorship
Designation of Inventor
Notice of Opposition
Concurrence in abandonment of applications

Trademarks

Petition
Statement
Declaration
Application for Registration of Registered User
Notice of Opposition
Petition for Cancellation
Pre-Rights Declaration

and any and all other instruments and/or documents necessary or required in connection with the foregoing for consummation of said patent and trademark applications and proceedings; and


FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary of the Company and any attorney representing the Company with respect to patent and trademark matters be and each of them is hereby severally authorized on behalf of the Company to execute Special Powers of Attorney and revocations thereof for both domestic and foreign attorneys to represent the Company in the above-mentioned matters both inside and outside the territorial limits of the United States.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that as of this date, the following named individuals are attorneys representing the Company:

Robert E. Blankenbaker
Stephen L. Hensley
Wallace L. Oliver
Robert Sloat
Frank J. Sroka

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand and affixed the seal of the Company at Cleveland, Ohio this 2nd day of February, 1999.

(S E A L)


Eileen M. Gressock
Assistant Secretary